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SALISBURY BOATERS! Welcome to the boating season! Thanks to many for getting stickers on time last year. This year's rates are the mostly the same as last year. The late fee increased to \$5/ft up from \$4/ft after July 1. So we strongly encourage everyone to pay on time. Most of the rules are the same also: Pay your taxes, fill out all the forms, (include COMPLETED Assessor's State Tax 2BE-1 form) pay all permit fees by cash or check, get a sticker, PUT THE STICKER ON THE BOAT'S TRANSOM.

RULES TO REMEMBER:

1. All boats must have a sticker before they go in the water.
2. All moorings must have a white mooring ball with a blue stripe.

We always want to focus on improving mooring distribution, water quality and safety patrol issues rather than spend the summer catching up with permits. We'll try to wrap up all permitting before the boats go in the water, and then we can enjoy the summer doing what we should do.

One of our tools in mooring space planning is going to be aerial photography, and we've had a Bylaw requiring white balls with blue stripes for a couple of years now. There is a good reason – the white balls are visible when you're not on your mooring. That way, we won't plan two moorings in the same place, and yes, we can cite noncompliant mooring balls.

THE NEW STICKERS ARE AVAILABLE .

The Harbormaster will be available at the Town Hall, March 30, April 6, then all May and June Mondays, 4 pm – 6 pm, (except Town Meeting day: we're open 4 pm – 5pm). We'll also be at the town pier, Saturdays from 9 – 11AM, starting May 2.

Hours during June to September may be modified and will be posted, as will any additional hours.

2009 WATERWAYS PERMIT STICKERS MUST be in place WHEN YOU LAUNCH YOUR BOAT. 'IN PLACE' means on the upper right-hand side, outside the transom. Place 2009 red stickers right over most of the 2008 purple stickers. Do not block the Boat Hull ID Serial Number (HIN).

The Harbormaster's department budget is funded totally from your fees. We are keeping our fee structure as low as possible. In the 6 years we've been at the helm, our basic permit fee has increased only once, from \$2.50 to \$3.00. To keep the fees low, we need 100% compliance from all boaters. Failure to obtain and display a sticker shall result in a Citation, and may result in the loss of mooring privileges on the Salisbury side of the Merrimack River

Let's ALL have another safe boating season,